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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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Re: Application of Mike ROSSI, Nicholas V. NECHITAILO, Brian Risch  
GEL-SWELLABLE LAYERS ON FIBERS, FIBER RIBBONS AND BUFFER  
TUBES  
**Assignee: ALCATEL**  
Our Ref. A7966

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including eighteen (18) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and seven (7) sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

Assignment for published patent application is: **ALCATEL**.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

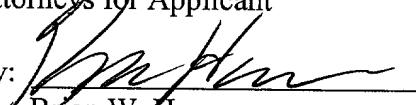
Total claims	41	-	20	=	21	x	\$18.00	=	\$378.00
Independent claims	3	-	3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$710.00

**TOTAL FEE** **\$1088.00**

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1088.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

There is no claim to priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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